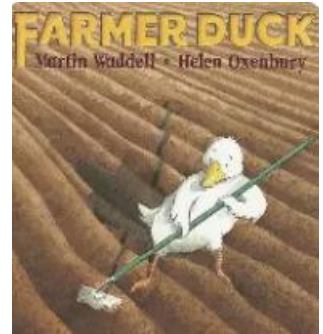




Our Themes

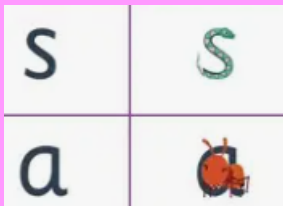
This week our theme has been Harvest. We have been talking about being thankful for all the lovely food we eat and thinking about how all our lovely food is harvested. We have been looking at how bread is made, singing the song Big Red Combine Harvester and having a go at drawing one!

The stories we have focused on are The Little Red Hen and Farmer Duck, which both highlight the importance of friendship and helping our friends. The children have painted some beautiful hens, looking at all the different shades of orange and red in their feathers.



Next week, we will build on the theme of friendship reading Elmer and Handa's Surprise. We will also continue looking at food, especially what food we need to stay healthy and talk about keeping ourselves healthy through good hygiene.

Phonics



We are still focusing on the sounds *s, a, t, p, i, n, m* and *d*. We are supporting the children to be fluent recognising those sounds, individually and within words. The children are becoming more confident **blending** the sounds together to

make words. If they are saying the sounds but not able to blend them to make a word, please blend 2 letters together for them and repeat the sounds slowly so they can hear them blending together. For example, with the word **sat**: Say *s-a-t* a few times but if they can't blend them together say **sa-t**.

Morning drop-offs

Now that the children have settled so well into school life, we would be grateful if you could say goodbye at the classroom door. The children are becoming increasingly confident with their routines and know where to put their belongings and where to go.

Encouraging this independence helps them grow in confidence and start the day positively. Thank you for your support.

